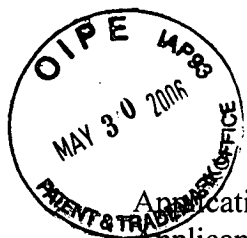


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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2006. The shortened statutory time period to respond is three months or May 24, 2006 and, thus, the response is timely. In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, please consider the following amendment and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 19 of this paper.